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COMING ICAO ASSEMBLY, MONTREAL, SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 16, 1974

REF: STATE 110330

1. IN MAY 29 CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, SWISS FEDERAL
AIR OFFICE DIRECTOR WERNER GULDIMANN SAID HE BELIEVED
GOS WOULD, IN PRINCIPLE, BE PREPARED TO ATTEND INFORMAL
MEETING FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH OTHER INTERESTED
STATES ON ISSUES LIKELY TO BE RAISED AT ICAO ASSEMBLY.
HE THOUGHT SUCH A MEETING SHOULD TAKE PLACE SOME WEEKS
BEFORE ASSEMBLY. GULDIMANN SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO CLEAR
THIS POSITION WITH FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, BUT
DOUBTED FPD WOULD RAISE ANY OBJECTIONS. HE WILL INFORM
EMBASSY IN NEXT FEW DAYS OF OFFICIAL GOS POSITION.

2. GULDIMANN PROVIDED FOLLOWING INITIAL REACTIONS TO
FIVE ISSUES OUTLINED REFTEL:

A. ALTHOUGH HE HAD HEARD IN AUSTRALIA LAST WEEK THAT
SENEGALESE PROPOSAL TO REVISE COMPOSITION OF PERMANENT
ICAO COUNCIL WAS TO BE SUBMITTED TO STUDY GROUP, HE
NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT PROPOSAL CAN BE KEPT OUT OF ASSEMBLY.
HE SAID EUROPEANS MAY LOST ONE SEAT ON COUNCIL AND THIS
IS ONE ISSUE TO BE DISCUSSED AT NEXT WEEK'S ECAC MEETING
IN PARIS.

B. GULDIMANN DID NOT ANTICIPATE ANY GREAT PROBLEM WITH
RE-EMERGENCE OF A MANDATORY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME.

C. SWISS MAINTAINING OPEN-MINDED ATTITUDE ON ICAO PAR-
TICIPATION IN AIR FARE PROBLEM. GULDIMANN PERSONALLY
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THINKS ICAO SHOULD PROBABLY DO SOMETHING IN THIS AREA,
GIVEN IATA DIFFICULTIES IN LAST FEW YEARS. HE RECOG-
NIZES, HOWEVER, THAT ICAO PARTICIPATION COULD COMPLI-
CATE AN ALREADY COMPLICATED PROBLEM. GULDIMANN SAID
HE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO KNOW USG VIEWS.

D. GULDIMANN SAID, THAT IN VIEW FAILURE OF ROME HIJACK-
ING CONFERENCE LAST YEAR, IT WOULD NOT BE USEFUL FOR

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ICAO ASSEMBLY TO TAKE UP QUESTION ON SANCTIONS. HE BELIEVES ALL EFFORTS SHOULD BE CONCENTRATED ON RATIFICATION OF HAGUE AND MONTREAL CONVENTIONS.

E. GULDIMANN WAS PUZZLED OVER INCLUSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE ICAO ISSUE. HE DOES NOT SEE ANY SPECIFIC POLICY PROBLEMS SUITABLE FOR ICAO CONSIDERATION AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOME MORE DETAILS OF USG THINKING.

3. GULDIMANN THOUGHT USG PROPOSAL FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS A GOOD ONE AND IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZED PURPOSE AS COUNTER TO LDC BLOC VOTING. HE SUGGESTED PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE ARABIC AS OFFICIAL ICAO LANGUAGE WAS A POSSIBLE SIXTH ISSUE, WHICH SWISS DO NOT PARTICULARLY FAVOR.

4. GULDIMANN SAID HE WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE RECEIVING US PRELIMINARY VIEW WHEN AVAILABLE AND EXPRESSED INTEREST IN KNOWING REACTION OF NON-EUROPEAN STATES TO USG PROPOSAL.
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